

DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION POLICY

1. Background, Scope and Purpose:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on July 8, 2016 has notified the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2016 (Regulations). Vide these Regulations, SEBI has inserted Regulation 43A after Regulation 43 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 which requires the top 500 listed companies (by market capitalisation) to formulate and disclose a Dividend Distribution Policy in the annual report and on the website of the Company.

Jyothy Laboratories Limited (the “Company”) being one of the top 500 listed companies as per the criteria mentioned above, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Company at its meeting held on January 20, 2017 adopted this Dividend Distribution Policy to comply with these requirements. The Company currently has only one class of shares, viz. equity, for which this policy is applicable. The policy is subject to review if and when the Company issues different classes of shares.

The intent of the Policy is to broadly specify the external and internal factors including financial parameters that shall be considered while declaring dividend and the circumstances under which the shareholders of the Company may or may not expect dividend and how the retained earnings shall be utilized, etc.

The Policy is not an alternative to the decision of the Board for recommending dividend, which is made every year after taking into consideration all the relevant circumstances enumerated hereunder or other factors as may be decided as relevant by the Board.

The Policy reflects the intent of the Company to reward its shareholders by sharing a portion of its profits after retaining sufficient funds for growth of the Company. The Company shall pursue this Policy, to pay, subject to the circumstances and factors enlisted herein, progressive dividend, which shall be consistent with the performance of the Company over the years.

2. Definitions:

2.1 “Board” shall mean Board of Directors of the Company.

2.2 “Companies Act” shall mean the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules thereunder, notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, as amended from time to time.

2.3 “Dividend” represents the profit of the Company, which is distributed to shareholders in proportion to the amount paid-up on shares they hold. Dividend includes Interim Dividend.

2.4 “Listed Entity / Company” shall mean Jyothy Laboratories Limited.

2.5 “Policy” means Dividend Distribution Policy.

2.6 “Regulations” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, as amended, from time to time.

2.7 “Stock Exchange” shall mean a recognised Stock Exchange as defined under clause (f) of Section 2 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956.

3. Dividend distribution philosophy:

The Company is deeply committed to driving superior value creation for all its stakeholders. The focus will continue to be on sustainable returns, through an appropriate capital strategy for both medium term and longer term value creation. Accordingly, the Board would continue to adopt a progressive and dynamic dividend policy, ensuring the immediate as well as long term needs of the business.

4. Financial parameters and other internal and external factors that would be considered for declaration of Dividend:

A. Financial parameters and Internal Factors-

- Distributable surplus available as per the Act and Regulations
- Working Capital requirement
- Earnings Per Share (EPS)
- The Company’s liquidity position and future cash flow needs
- Track record of Dividends distributed by the Company
- Prevailing Taxation Policy or any amendments expected thereof, with respect to Dividend distribution
- Capital expenditure requirements considering the expansion and acquisition opportunities
- Additional investment in subsidiaries and associates of the company
- Upgradation of technology and physical infrastructure
- Acquisition of brands and business
- Past dividend payout ratio/ trends

B. External Factors-

- Cost and availability of alternative sources of financing
- Economic Environment
- Capital Markets
- Dividend Payout ratio of competitors
- Macroeconomic and business conditions in general

Any other relevant factors that the Board may deem fit to consider before declaring Dividend.

5. Manner of Dividend Payout:

A. In case of final dividend:

i. Recommendation, if any, shall be done by the Board, usually in the Board meeting that considers and approves the annual financial statements, subject to approval of the shareholders of the Company.

ii. The dividend as recommended by the Board shall be approved/declared at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

iii. The payment of dividends shall be made within the statutorily prescribed period from the date of declaration, to those shareholders who are entitled to receive the dividend on the record date/book closure period, as per the applicable law.

B. In case of interim dividend:

i. Interim dividend, if any, shall be declared by the Board.

ii. Before declaring interim dividend, the Board shall consider the financial position of the Company that allows the payment of such dividend.

iii. The payment of dividends shall be made within the statutorily prescribed period from the date of declaration to the shareholders entitled to receive the dividend on the record date, as per the applicable laws.

iv. In case no final dividend is declared, interim dividend paid during the year, if any, will be regarded as final dividend in the Annual General Meeting.

6. Utilisation of retained earnings:

Subject to applicable regulations, the Company's retained earnings shall be applied for:

- Funding inorganic and organic growth needs including working capital, capital expenditure, repayment of debt, etc.

- Buyback of shares subject to applicable limits
- Payment of Dividend in future years
- Issue of Bonus shares
- Replacement of Capital Assets
- Where the cost of debt is high
- Any other permissible purpose

7. Circumstances under which shareholders may not expect Dividend:

The decision regarding dividend pay-out is a crucial decision as it determines the amount of profit to be distributed among shareholders of the Company and the amount of profit to be retained in business. The decision seeks to balance the dual objectives of appropriately rewarding shareholders through dividends and retaining profits in order to maintain a healthy capital adequacy ratio to support future growth. The shareholders of the Company may not expect dividend in the following circumstances, subject to discretion of the Board of Directors:

- Proposed expansion plans requiring higher capital allocation
- Decision to undertake any acquisitions, amalgamation, merger, joint ventures, new product launches etc. which requires significant capital outflow
- Requirement of higher working capital for the purpose of business of the Company
- Proposal for buy-back of securities
- In the event of loss or inadequacy of profit
- Any other unforeseen circumstances having a bearing on the profits of the Company

8. Parameters to be adopted with regards to various classes of shares:

Since the Company has issued only one class of equity shares with equal voting rights, all the members of the Company are entitled to receive the same amount of dividend per share. The Policy shall be suitably revisited at the time of issue of any new class of shares depending upon the nature and guidelines thereof.

9. Modification of the Policy:

The Board is authorised to review/ change/amend this policy from time to time at its sole discretion and/or in pursuance of any amendments made in the Companies Act, 2013, the Regulations, etc.

10. Disclaimer:

This document does not solicit investments in the Company's securities. Nor is it an assurance of guaranteed returns (in any form), for investments in the Company's equity shares.